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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, & TREASURER

—AND—

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

—OF THE TOWN OF—

ISLESBORO

—OF THE—

Municipal Year, Ending March 7th, 1898.

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1898.





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SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ISLESBORO :

The board of selectmen would respectfully submit the report required of them by law.

Valuation for the year 1897.

Real estate of residents,	\$104,218 00	
Personal estate of residents,	41,470 27	
Real estate of non-residents,	137,356 00	
Personal estate of non-residents,	2,484 00	
	<hr/>	\$285,528 27

Appropriation for the year 1897.

To defray town charges,	\$ 1,350 00	
For support of common schools,	804 80	
support of poor,	800 00	
support of free high schools,	150 00	
text books,	100 00	
To be expended on the highway,	400 00	
	<hr/>	3,604 80
State tax,	838 74	
County tax,	547 39	
Overlayings,	130 29	
	<hr/>	1,516 42
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		\$ 5,121 22

Assessments for the year 1897.

On real estates of residents,	\$ 1,719 60	
personal estate of residents,	684 26	
real estate of non-residents,	2,266 38	
personal estates of non-residents,	40 98	
205 poll at \$2.00,	410 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,121 22
Rate of taxation, .0165		

Town Charges.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriation,	\$1,350 00	
Overlaying,	130 29	
Deficient highway taxes of 1896,	180 23	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,660 52

Expenditures.**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Paid Belfast Age Pub. Co. printing 1896 reports,	\$ 12 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, stationery,	10 30
E. D. Williams, money paid for cleaning school houses,	13 00
W. S. Pendleton, for fuel for town hall,	9 60
L. N. Gilkey, surveying highway,	1 25
E. D. Williams, vaccination,	3 00
W. B. Pendleton, janitor of town hall,	15 00
R. F. Dunton, legal service,	12 00
M. P. Woodcock & Son, town order book,	1 50
F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies and repairs for town hall,	10 30
W. S. Pendleton, material to repair school house,	54 08
D. M. Pendleton, labor and material repairing school houses,	112 55
E. D. Williams, money paid for repairs on school houses,	6 62
F. S. Pendleton & Co., material to repair school houses,	25 29
W. M. Coombs, snow bill,	5 60
L. C. Farnsworth, snow bill,	1 70

F. B. Keller, snow bill,	7 35
F. L. Sprague, snow bill,	4 50
J. C. Collins, snow bill,	2 90
W. E. Collins, snow bill,	1 50
J. T. Fairfield, snow bill,	2 30
E. F. Pendleton, snow bill,	3 00
W. P. Fairfield, snow bill,	5 10
E. J. Clark, snow bill,	1 40
E. E. Stockbridge, snow bill,	2 10
J. F. Fairfield, snow bill,	6 00
Geo. K. Willey, snow bill,	2 15
F. A. Randlett, snow bill,	2 60
Benj. A. Warren, snow bill,	3 20
L. K. Pendleton, snow bill,	7 20
M. M. Veazie, snow bill,	85
Geo. Camron, snow bills,	40
F. S. Pendleton & Co. many snow bills,	76 06
L. N. Gilkey, many snow bills,	41 83
J. C. Beckett, snow bill,	1 80
Edward Parker, snow bill,	1 50
Wm. S. Dodge, snow bill,	4 00
John P. Bragg, snow bill,	5 50
Chipman Cobb, snow bill,	1 20
F. W. Adams, snow bill,	2 50
Geo. F. Williams, snow bill,	4 40
L. C. Farnsworth, deficient high- way taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 2,	16 18
R. N. Pendleton, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 4,	23 76
F. B. Keller, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 5,	49 82
F. L. Sprague, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 6,	3 44
E. S. Preble, deficient highway taxes of 1896, Dist. No. 7,	10 31

A. L. Trim, deficient highway taxes of 1897,	6 60	
E. S. Preble, deficient highway taxes of 1897,	28 00	
Austin Trim, deficient highway taxes of 1897,	19 54	
L. C. Farnsworth, deficient highway taxes, Dist. No. 3,	6 00	
John P. Bragg, deficient highway taxes of 1897,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 657 53

Pay of Town Officers.

Paid D. A. Warren, moderator.	2 00	
D. A. Warren, constable,	10 00	
L. N. Gilkey, commission collecting taxes of 1896,	47 18	
L. N. Gilkey, commission collecting taxes of 1897,	130 00	
E. D. Williams, services and expenses on Superintendent of Schools,	60 00	
E. D. Williams services as health officer,	7 00	
Austin Trim, services and expenses as assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	108 75	
W. S. Pendleton, services and expenses as assessor, selectman and overseer of poor,	98 00	
B. F. Heas, services as assessor, selectman, and overseer of poor,	20 00	
J. R. Ryder, services as clerk and treasurer,	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 552 93

Abatements,

L. N. Gilkey. collector tax bills of 1896,	38 29	
“ “ “ 1897,	15 65	
	<hr/>	\$ 53 94
Total amount of town charges,		1,264 40
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Amount unexpended,		\$ 396 12

Improving Highways.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriation,	\$ 400 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid F. B. Keller labor, 1896,	6 58	
F. L. Sprague labor, 1896,	5 50	
L. C. Farnsworth labor, 1896,	10 58	
“ “ 1897,	15 50	
W. S. Dodge labor, 1897,	4 50	
D. A. Warren labor, 1897,	5 20	
Melbourn Flanders labor, 1897,	5 00	
J. E. Pendleton labor, 1897,	43 75	
F. A. Patterson labor, 1897,	15 80	
R. N. Pendleton labor, 1897,	36 00	
J. O. Pendleton labor. 1897,	3 00	
Chas. N. Pendleton labor, 1897,	16 75	
S. D. Pendleton labor, 1897,	9 40	
F. S. Pendleton & Co. material, 1897,	11 30	
J. O. Elwell labor,	10 25	
W. S. Pendleton material,	53 03	
E. A. Eames “	1 43	
	<hr/>	\$ 253 57
Amount unexpended,		146 43

Support of Poor.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriation.	\$ 800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of M. J. Brown,	\$ 139 70	
for support of Frances Chassey,	133 00	
for support of Eliza J. Decker,	167 89	
for support of Mary Boardman,	139 99	
for support of James B. Adams,	56 38	
for support of Frank Brown,	80 95	
for support of Ralph Brown,	74 14	
for support furnished S. H. Fletcher,	38 31	
E. D. Williams for medical attendance for poor,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 840 36
Amount overdrawn,		\$ 40 36

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance of 1896,	\$ 136 72	
Appropriation,	804 80	
Received from the State,	797 35	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,738 87

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching,	\$ 896 00	
for boarding teachers,	511 50	
for fuel,	124 58	
for supplies,	5 73	
for conveying scholars,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,587 81
Amount unexpended,		151 06

High Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 150 00	
Received from the State,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. P. Clark teaching and board,	\$ 150 00	
E. B. Eddy teaching and board,	150 00	
E. A. Eames for fuel,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 307 00
Amount overdrawn,		7 00

Text Books.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriation,	\$ 100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Edwin E. Babb,	\$ 74 00	
American Book Co.,	76 82	
	<hr/>	\$ 150 82
Amount overdrawn,		50 82

Unexpended Balances.

On town charges,	\$ 396 12	
highways,	146 43	
common schools,	151 06	
	<hr/>	\$ 693 61
Amount overdrawn support of poor		
\$40.36, high schools \$7.00 and		
text book \$50.82,		98 18
		<hr/>
Net balance,		\$ 595 43

Summary.

Whole amount of orders drawn,	\$ 4,403 96
Miscellaneous expences,	\$ 657 53
Pay of town officers,	552 93
Abatements,	53 94
Expended on the highway,	253 57
Support of poor,	840 36
Common schools,	1,587 81
High schools,	307 00
Text books,	150 82
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	\$ 4,403 96

Finances of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds,	\$ 2,000 00	
Interest on same,	53 33	
	<u>-----</u>	\$ 2,053 33

ASSETS.

Amount of tax deeds in treasury,	\$ 166 11	
Due on old tax bills,	167 52	
Due on tax bills of 1897,	1,388 15	
Cash in treasury,	213 24	
	<u>-----</u>	\$ 1,935 02

Balance against the town,	\$ 118 31
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AUSTIN TRIM, W. S. PENDLETON, B. F. HEAL,	}	Selectmen of Islesboro.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Islesboro, for the year ending March 7, 1898.

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Cash in treasury March 1, 1897,	\$ 153 75
Received from State reimbursement for dog licenses for 1896,	21 50
from town for dog licenses for 1897.	23 00
on tax deeds of 1894,	1 78
on tax deeds of 1895,	4 82
from State for Free High Schools,	150 00
from State school fund and mill tax,	797 35
from State reimbursement for pen- sions,	120 00
from Estate of James B. Adams,	56 38
on tax deeds of 1896,	47 22
interest on notes,	1 03
cash on tax bills of 1896,	922 78
cash on tax bills of 1897,	3917 43
of W. S. Pendleton, for rent of town hall,	43 80
of L. M. Gilkey, tax deeds for 1896,	151 95
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	\$ 6412 79

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Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$ 4403 96
E. D. Williams for return of births,	4 00
interest on town bonds,	80 00
Sylvester H. Fletcher State Pension,	48 00

Catherine Bagley State pension,	72 00	
State Treasurer amount received for dog licenses for the year 1897,	23 00	
bounty on seal,	7 00	
interest on town orders,	22 26	
for acknowledgement of seal certificates,	25	
postage and stationery,	1 00	
county tax,	547 39	
State tax,	838 74	
tax deeds of 1896 redeemed,	47 22	
tax deeds of 1896 on hand	104 73	
Cash in treasury,	213 24	
	<hr/>	\$6412 79

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer of Islesboro.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ISLESBORO:

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting this my third annual report, it can be safely stated that a very successful year has passed considering the difficulties incident to diphtheria epidemic, which visited us in the early fall.

In a general way there has been marked advancement all along the line. In some particular cases, especially in former district No. 4, there has been decided improvement. In district No. 4, there being too many scholars crowded in one room to do profitable work; we had a suitable room finished in the chamber of the school building and the school divided. Two teachers were employed and excellent results have followed this plan. Both schools making marked advancement.

Most of your teachers are students of the times and its demands, and have labored faithfully and to a large degree successfully. We are now practically doing the work as indicated by State Superintendent Stetson.

Good interest has been manifest by the pupils throughout the schools, and I am pleased with the results. Time, study and patience are necessary to place our schools where they ought to be, although from personal knowledge they compare favorably with the schools of other towns.

I believe that one of the reasons which prevent our schools from making more progress, is not the lack of methods, not to lack of good teachers; but to lack of interest on part of parents. Parents who shirk their home duties to their children, and never enforce any sort of wholesome discipline, that will result in obedience, make it very hard for teachers, who must, by hook or crook, preserve order in school, or resign their posts. If the child is never made to obey at home, and has no sort of respect

for parental authority, he will hardly take kindly to the necessary discipline of school.

Such a faulty training is the blame of the parents, who by misplaced kindness or shiftlessness, have made of children tyrants who rule the household. Such self-willed children are the despair of teachers, and such misguided parents will be found amongst those who most loudly condemn teachers who attempt to remedy the deficiencies of home training by measures which will result in the child's obedience.

It is not to be expected that children, who have been pampered and mollicoddled at home, and always allowed to have their own way, be it right or wrong, can have developed into anything but home tyrants, and when such children are sent to school, where discipline must be maintained, they cannot fail to become insolent and unruly pupils. It need be no matter for surprise, that since there is so much "pure cussedness" lurking around among some parents that a small part of it should have been transmitted to offsprings, and should need be corrected by somewhat drastic measures. No school system is to be entirely blamed for such a conflict between scholars and teachers. It is the fault of misguided and shortsighted parents,

Most parents seem to think that the child is to receive most of its education in the public school—a great mistake—for the foundations of education are really laid in the home. Parents who are the most lax in their home training of children are the very ones who stir up the most trouble between conscientious teachers and disobedient pupils. Parents, it is your duty to visit our schools and confer with the teachers as to the abilities of your children. The welfare of the schools demand it. Our schools are always open to visitors, and yet, very few ever honor them by their presence except at the close of the year. We are always glad of this notice, but that gives one a very imperfect idea of the work.

Free High School.

We have been enabled to make a few needed changes in our schools during the past year,

By the requirement of a change in our high school laws, during the session of our last Legislature, we were able to grade the high schools better than they had been the past years. Not so high a grade as we would like to make, by any means, but the best we could, considering the advancement and ages of a larger part of the pupils that attend these schools.

We are sorry to state, that we have many scholars in town who do not avail themselves of the opportunity of attending out high schools, although the attendance is much better than previous years. We tried to emphasize in our last report the advantage of our high schools and would try to emphasize them still more this year.

We have enrolled eighty-two pupils in the two high schools, showing that we have abundant material for better schools in the coming year. I am pleased to note that we were able to secure the services of Mr. Clark and Mr. Eddy again. We note perfect harmony between teacher, pupils and parents, attendance regular, thorough work done and best methods of the day employed. These schools are the two most profitable terms of the year and we most earnestly recommend the continuance of the same, knowing that we get the greatest good for the amount of money expended than any schools in town.

Statistics.

Whole number of scholars April 1, 329.

Whole number of scholars summer term 182.

Average number of scholars summer term 160.

Whole number of scholars fall term 171.

Average number of scholars fall term 142.

Whole number of scholars winter term 189.

Average number of scholars winter term 153.

List of Teachers with Salaries.

SUMMER TERM.

NO.	NAME.	TERM.	SALARY.	BOARD.
1.	Edna McFarland,	10 weeks	\$30 00	\$22 50
2.	Florence Pendleton,	10 weeks	35 00	30 00

NO.	NAME.	TERM.	SALARY.	BOARD.
3.	Harriet L. Wadlin,	10 weeks	50 00	30 00
4.	Eugenia Morey,	10 weeks	40 00	30 00
4.	Lizzie Warren, Asst.,		20 00	10 00
5.	Helena L. Wright,	10 weeks	60 00	30 00
6.	Lettie Ryder,	10 weeks	30 00	25 00
7.	Susie M. Davis,	10 weeks	40 00	30 00

FALL TERM.

2.	Florence Pendleton,	8 weeks	24 00	16 00
4.	Eugenia Morey,	7 weeks	35 00	21 00
7.	Etta H. Clark,	10 weeks	40 00	30 00

WINTER TERM.

1.	Leutner Hatch,	12 weeks	\$39 00	\$27 00
2.	Caro M. Parker,	12 weeks	63 00	36 00
3.	E. B. Eddy,	12 weeks	93 00	36 00
4.	Eugenia Morey,	12 weeks	87 00	36 00
5.	Helena L. Wright,	12 weeks	93 00	36 00
6.	Isabelle Coombs,	12 weeks	39 00	30 00
7.	Edgar A. Worcester,	12 weeks	78 00	36 00

Free High School.

5.	W. P. Clark,	10 weeks	\$120 00	\$30 00
U. H.	E. B. Eddy,	10 weeks	120 00	30 00

Common Schools.

Appropriation,	\$ 804 80	
Received from State,	797 35	
Balance from 1896,	136 72	
	<hr/>	\$1,738 87
Paid for teaching,	\$896 00	
board,	511 50	
supplies,	5 73	
fuel,	131 58	
transportation of pupils,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,594 81
Unexpended balance,		\$144 06

Free High School.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Received from State,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00
Paid W. P. Clark teaching, and board,	\$150 00	
E. B. Eddy teaching and board,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

Fuel Account.

Jacob Fairfield,	\$ 15 00	
A. H. Parker,	17 00	
John P. Bragg,	9 60	
E. A. Eames,	54 50	
W. S. Pendleton,	12 73	
E. D. Williams,	6 75	
John W. Pendleton,	10 00	
Melvin R. Trim,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 131 58

Free Text Books.

Appropriation,		\$ 100 00
Edw. E Babb & Co.,	\$ 74 00	
American Book Co.,	76 82	
	<hr/>	\$ 150 82
Amount overdrawn,		\$50 82

Repairs.

Repairs,	\$198 54	
Cleaning school-houses,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 211 54

Conclusion

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to every member of the school board for their unvarying courtesy and substantial aid in all my work; and to the good people of Islesboro, for their universal kindness, which has rendered my work so pleasant during the past three years. Thanks to you for your cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

